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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, SF

SUBJECT: BIKO FAMILY TO SUE MINISTERS OF HEALTH AND JUSTICE

1. LOCAL PRESS OF DE. 23 QUOTES "SOURCES CLOSE TO THE FAMILY" AS SAYING THAT THE BIKO FAMILY WILL BRING CIVIL SUITS AGAINST THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND POLICE, JIMMY KRUGER, AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, DR. SCHALK VAN DER MERWE. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNT, THE LETTERS OF DEMAND WILL BE SENT NEXT WEEK AND THE SUIT COULD TOTAL R320,000 (DOLS 368,000). SHUN CHETTY, ONE OF THE FAMILY LAWYERS, IS QUOTED AS SAYING THEY "ARE DEFINITELY GOING AHEAD," BUT HAVE NOT DECIDED ON THE AMOUNT. IT IS POSSIBLE, HE INTIMATED, THAT OTHERS MAY ALSO BE SUED, SUCH AS COL. GOSSEN, HEAD OF THE PORT ELIZABETH SECURITY POLICE.

2. COMMENT: AS CHETTY TOLD US PREVIOUSLY, CIVIL SUITS

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ARE THE ONLY RECOURSE LEFT SINCE THE MAGISTRATE'S FINDING OF NO FAULT HAS APPARENTLY RULED OUT ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.BOWDLER

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